

Lady Patriots soccer off to a good start



Photo by Jade Huffman

East Rankin Lady Patriots lost a heart breaker by one point to Presbyterian Christian in Hattiesburg September 17. The Lady Patriots are 5-1 at the end of September. They won against Washington, MRA, Parklane, Park Place, and Central Hinds. Pictured is Madeline Logan for East Rankin in white.

Southern Pine and TEC collaborate to provide fiber internet in rural areas

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Southern Pine Electric announced a collaborative agreement with TEC, a technology company providing fiber internet to people in rural areas of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. TEC will bring fiber internet to many of Southern Pine's mem-

bers that are unserved or under-served. With an aggressive work schedule of ten years, TEC will bring innovative broadband,

voice and security solutions to members, communities, and businesses that lack access to true broadband services.

After much study and analysis, Southern Pine's board of directors made the decision to not become a service provider of high-speed internet due to financial constraints that could threaten the stability of the cooperative and its members. While this decision

ended Southern Pine's consideration of becoming a service provider, it did not diminish the desire for Southern Pine to play an active role in securing connectivity for our members.

Through the announcement of this collaboration, Southern Pine's board of directors and management team has made true on the promise to pursue a

sound broadband solution that protects their members' ownership in Southern Pine. "I am proud that TEC, which

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is a company with

deep roots in our state, recognizes what our members have to offer and is committed to improving their quality of life," said Don Jordan, President and CEO of Southern Pine Electric.

Members can visit southernpine.coop or TEC.com for more information or email voice@southernpine.coop if they have additional questions.



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